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RE: Montezuma Wetlands and Dredged Material Disposal Project

Dear Lester:

As you know, Save The Bay has an historic interest in restoring wetlands throughout the Bay-Delta Estuary. For the most part, we concur with the comprehensive and programmatic approach to ecosystem restoration in the Bay-Delta Estuary that is the hallmark of the CALFED program. Save The Bay also has strongly supported reuse of dredged sediment in beneficial ways to minimize aquatic disposal and to maximize efficient use of this material when possible. However, we have always been concerned that only sediment of appropriate quality be employed in the restoration of wetland areas, particularly in regions as biologically fragile and important as the Bay-Delta Estuary.

In accordance with these longstanding views, we recently participated in a public hearing before Solano County Board of Supervisors regarding the EIS/EIR for the Montezuma Project. While we believe that wetlands restoration in this region would be beneficial, we are very concerned about the plan to use contaminated dredged sediments "capped" by cleaner material. Among the objections we raised was the concern that the project as currently proposed may not be consistent with CALFED's ecosystem restoration plan for the region, or the water quality control plan. Although CALFED has been well underway for more than three years, the final EIS/EIR for the Montezuma project (issued last summer) failed to address explicitly the potential impact of this project on the overall CALFED program and its components, especially Ecosystem Restoration.

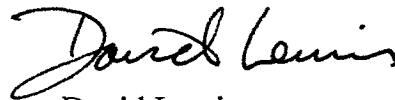
The project applicant and others have represented to the Solano County Supervisors that CALFED supports the Montezuma Project and has found it be consistent with the CALFED program. We are very interested in obtaining a clear understanding from you of CALFED's position on the Montezuma Project, to the extent it has one, and

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the basis of that position. We hereby request a meeting with you and the appropriate staff for that purpose.

Because the Board of Supervisors is planning to certify the EIS/EIR on February 2, time is of the essence. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Lewis".

David Lewis
Executive Director

cc: Mary Nichols, Resources Secretary

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